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OPERATIONS CENTER PASS NEA PRIOR TO NOON 12 MARCH MEETING
WITH EGYPTIAN AMB AS MENTIONED STATE 55121,

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SUBJ: PRES SADAT'S VISIT TO US

REF (A) STATE 53976, (B) STATE 53211, (C) STATE 55121,
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1. I MET WITH AMB HASSAN KAMEL, CHIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL
CABINET, AS SCHEDULED MARCH 12 FOR DISCUSSION OF ARRANGEMENTS
FOR PRES SADAT'S VISIT TO US APRIL 4 AND 5. I LEFT WITH HIM
PAPER BASED ON DEPT'S VIEWS SET OUT IN REF A. FOLLOWING ARE
RESULTS OF MEETING.

2. ADVANCE TEAM VISIT. ADVANCE PARTY CONSISTING OF AMB KAMEL
AND SIX OTHERS (NAMES LISTED BELOW) PLANS DEPART CAIRO MARCH
13 FOR PARIS AND ON TO US, ARRIVING LATE SAME DAY AT DULLES
AIRPORT. PLANS CURRENTLY CALL FOR ADVANCE PARTY TO TRAVEL
VIA CONCORDE WHICH, ACCORDING TO KAMEL, ARRIVES DULLES AT 1755
MARCH 13. RESERVATIONS ARE, HOWEVER, NOT FIRM AND HE PROMISED
INFORM US LATER TODAY WHEN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETED.
IF CONCORDE NOT POSSIBLE, THEY WILL TAKE TWA FLT PARIS-
DULLES. KAMEL ASKED IF ADVANCE PARTY COULD BE MET AND THEIR
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PASSAGE THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS FORMALITIES FACIL-
ITATED. HE SAID EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS MAKING PLANS
FOR THEIR ACCOMMODATIONS AT WATERGATE HOTEL. KAMEL PLANS
STAY ONLY ONE DAY IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD, THERFORE, LIKE TO
ARRANGE MEETING WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND OTHERS ON
MARCH 14. ADVANCE PARTY WILL DEPART WASHINGTON FOR PARIS ON
MARCH 15. I ASSURED AMB KAMEL THAT WE WOULD COOPERATE FULLY

TO MAKE ADVANCE TEAM'S VISIT COMPLETE SUCCESS.

3. OFFICIAL PARTY AND OTHERS. ACCORDING TO AMB KAMEL, OFFICIAL PARTY WILL CONSIST OF PRES AND MRS SADAT, LUBNA SADAT (THE SADATS' ELDEST DAUGHTER) AND HER HUSBAND ABD AL-KHALIQ ABD AL-GHAFFAR, BOTH OF WHOM ACCOMPANIED PRES ON VISIT IN 75; DEPPRIMIN AND MINFONAFFAIRS AND MRS ISMAIL FAHMY; AMB AND MRS HASSAN KAMEL AND MIN OF ECONOMY AND ECON COOPERATION AND MRS HAMID AL-SAYEH. IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE ABOUT ONE HUNDRED PERSONS TRAVELLING WITH THE PRESIDENT INCLUDING STANDARD PRESS POOL OF THREE TO FIVE PERSONS. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL PRESS. CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR PARTY TO TRAVEL IN PRESIDENCY 707. 737 AIRCRAFT WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY BEFORE PRES'S AIRCRAFT WITH BAGGAGE AND STAFF MEMBERS OF ENTOURAGE.

4. ACCOMMODATIONS: PRESIDENT AND FAMILY PLUS PERSONAL STAFF WILL BE ONLY ONES TO OCCUPY BLAIR HOUSE. KAMEL, FAHMY AND SAYEH WILL STAY AT WATERGATE HOTEL. REST OF PARTY WILL STAY AT CONVENIENT HOTEL; KAMEL MENTIONED MADISON. KAMEL ALREADY AWARE THAT ANY EXPENSES OUTSIDE BLAIR HOUSE WILL BE GOE RESPONSIBILITY.

5. SCHEDULE FOR VISIT: EGYPTIAN THOUGHTS AND OURS RUN VERY CLOSE AS FAR AS SCHEDULING ARE CONCERNED. ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE FROM WHICH KAMEL READ, PRES SADAT AND PARTY WILL ARRIVE AFTER TWO NIGHTS IN PARIS ABOUT 4PM ON APRIL 3. THERE WOULD BE NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THAT EVENING IN ORDER TO GIVE PRES CHANCE TO REST AFTER TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT. MONDAY, APRIL 4 WOULD BE DAY FOR OFFICIAL MEETINGS AND WORKING
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MEALS. WE EXPLAINED SCENARIO AS PUT FORTH IN REF B, WHICH KAMEL FOUND COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY. TUESDAY, APRIL 5 WOULD BE LEFT FOR FOLLOW-ON MEETINGS, PERHAPS MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND PRESS CONFERENCE. DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO KAMEL'S CURRENT SCHEDULE WOULD BE AT 2030 HOURS APRIL 5 IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR 1000 APRIL 6 ARRIVAL IN BONN, SO PRESIDENT CAN REST FOR REMAINDER THAT DAY BEFORE MEETINGS APRIL 7 (APRIL 8 IS GOOD FRIDAY). SINCE EARLY DEPARTURE WILL NOT LEAVE TIME FOR EGYPTIAN DINNER, KAMEL SAID HE MIGHT PROPOSE TO GHORBAL THAT EGYPTIAN EMBASSY GIVE LUNCHEON ON APRIL 5. QUESTION OF WHETHER THIS AFFAIR SHOULD BE STAG, AS ARE BOTH PRES CARTER'S AND SEC VANCE'S FUNCTIONS, WOULD BE LEFT OPEN FOR DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON.

6. MRS SADAT'S SCHEDULE: AMB KAMEL SAID THIS WOULD BE UP TO US. MRS SADAT WILL ACCEPT ANYTHING WE ARRANGE. DURING CONVERSATION ONE SUGGESTION WAS THAT SHE MIGHT VISIT TUTANKAMON EXHIBIT. AMB KAMEL PROMISED TO TALK TO MRS SADAT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON TO GET HER IDEAS ON A SCHEDULE.

7. COMMENT: I DID NOT HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HASSAN KAMEL HAD TALKED ABOUT VISIT WITH PRES OR FAHMY IN ANY GREAT DETAIL. HE WILL PRESUMABLY DO SO PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE AND MAY HAVE FURTHER INFO TO SHARE ON HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON.

8. WE WILL CABLE CONFIRMING INFO ON THE ADVANCE TEAM'S ARRIVAL AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE IT, NIACT IMMEDIATE SLUGGED FOR NEA/EGY NEWBERRY AND S/CPR.

9. FOLLOWING ARE NAMES OF ADVANCE TEAMS MEMBERS AS GIVEN TO US BY HASSAN KAMEL, MARCH 12:

AMB HASSAN KAMEL, PRESIDENT'S CHEF DU CABINET,
GEN MUHAMMAD SAID EL-MAHY, PRESIDENT'S AIDE DE CAMP,
FAWZI ABD AL-HAFEZ, PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY,
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AHMAD RAAOUF ASSAD, PRESIDENCY UNDERSECRETARY FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS,
SAAD ZAGHLOUL NASSAR, DIR OF INFORMATION AT PRESIDENCY,
MUHAMMED RASHAD HASSAN, PRESIDENCY SECURITY OFFICE,
MAMDUH AHMAD ABD AL-AZIZ, PRESIDENCY EMPLOYEE

KAMEL SAID THERE WILL BE OTHERS WHO MAY BE GOING TO US INDEPENDENTLY TO MAKE VARIOUS ARRANGEMENTS, FOR EXAMPLE MOURSY SADD AL-DIN, BUT THERE ARE NO OTHER OFFICIAL ADVANCE TEAM MEMBERS EXCEPT THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

10. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH FAHMY, I WENT OVER DETAILS DISCUSSED ABOVE. FAHMY SAID HE DOUBTED PRES WOULD WANT TO DEPART WASHINGTON ON APRIL 5 AFTER STRENUOUS DAY AND THAT HE (FAHMY) THOUGHT PARTY WOULD DEPART FOR BONN APRIL 6. FAHMY ALSO ASKED ABOUT EXACT NATURE OF WHITE HOUSE WELCOMING CEREMONY (WOULD IT BE ON WHITE HOUSE LAWN WITH EXCHANGE OF REMARKS?), A DETAIL WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY BE WORKED OUT WITH HASSAN KAMEL. FINALLY, FAHMY SAID HE DID NOT THINK IT APPROPRIATE FOR SADAT TO GIVE RETURN MEAL IF PRES CARTER WOULD NOT ATTEND.
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